

ORDINANCE #65782
Board Bill No. 364

An Ordinance recommended and approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment appropriating fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) from The Equitable Relief From Utility Tax Fund established under the authority of Ordinances 60247 and 60565 in order to fund programs, subject to the supervision or administration of the Department of Human Services, to assist residents of the City of St. Louis, whose gross annual income is not more than one hundred seventy-five percent of the federal poverty level established by the Department of Health and Human Services, in the payment for their gas and home heating oil heating service and authorizing the Director of Human Services to expend said funds upon the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and containing an emergency clause.

WHEREAS, The Equitable Relief From Utility Tax Fund was established by Ordinance 60247 as amended by Ordinance 60565 for the purpose of providing funds to assist residents of the City of St. Louis in the payment of their gas and home heating oil heating service;

WHEREAS, the source of these funds is Gas Company Gross Receipts Tax which is collected by the City of St. Louis;

WHEREAS, The Equitable Relief from Tax Fund has an amount of not less than \$50,000.

WHEREAS, these funds can be used to assist residents of this City who are unable to afford the significant cost of gas and home heating oil heating service this winter.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE. There is hereby appropriated fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) from The Equitable Relief From Utility Tax Fund established under the authority Ordinance 60247 and 60565 in order to fund programs, subject to the supervision or administration of the Department of Human Services in order to assist residents of the City of St. Louis whose gross annual income is not more than one hundred seventy-five percent of the federal poverty level established by the Department of Health and Human Services, or its successor agency, in the payment for their gas and home heating oil heating service. The Director of Human Service may expend said funds, by contract or otherwise, upon the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

SECTION TWO. Emergency Clause. This being an Ordinance for the preservation of public peace, health and safety, it is hereby declared to be an emergency measure within the meaning of Sections 19 and 20 of Article IV of the Charter of the City of St. Louis and therefore shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

Approved: February 10, 2003